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Khitan is clearly a Siniform script, with:

- (1) numerous forms exactly identical to encoded Han/CJK Unified Ideographs,
- (2) all other forms constructed by the same principles as Han/CJK Unified Ideographs (arranging Song-style CJK Strokes in a uniform em-square)
- (3) encoding that should be subject to Han unification rules.

We recommend:

- (A) The proposers provide explicit mappings to Han/CJK Unified Ideographs wherever possible;
- (B) WG2 should consider the possibility of creating a new "CJK Unified Ideographs Extension K(hitan)" block in a supplementary plane, to be added to the GSource.
- (C) WG2 should instruct IRG to evaluate each Khitan character lacking a clear mapping in #1 as a candidate for encoding in #2.
- (D) Because the supporting images in the proposal have too low a resolution for evaluation, we suggest the resolution be increased to allow for careful review.
- (E) A few typographical errors be corrected ("unknown" and a few other words).